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# Georgia Department of Human Resources

# GEORGIA CANCER STATE AID PROGRAM

## What is the Georgia Cancer State Aid Program?

The Georgia Cancer State Aid Program funds treatment and diagnosis for low-income, uninsured cancer patients in Georgia.

### What services does the Cancer State Aid Program provide?

- Inpatient and outpatient cancer treatment at participating hospitals.
- Outpatient chemotherapy and radiation therapy at approved freestanding chemotherapy and radiation centers.
- Chemotherapy and other cancer-related drugs provided by approved private pharmacies.

### What are the requirements for eligibility?

- Must be uninsured or underinsured and not eligible for full coverage Medicaid.
- Must be U.S. citizen or an alien lawfully admitted to be a permanent resident.
- Must be a resident of Georgia.
- Must meet financial guidelines. Family income must be at or below 200 percent of federal poverty income guidelines.
- Must have a cancer that will benefit from treatment.
- Must be accepted for treatment by a physician affiliated with a participating facility.
- Patient must also receive treatment at a participating facility.

### What are the program limitations?

- New patients are prioritized and accepted based on cancer site, stage and expected treatment effectiveness as described in the latest scientific literature and cancer survival rates.
- Applications will be considered based on the date they are received. This program does not go back and pay old bills.
- Applications are accepted based on the availability of state funds.
- The maximum for inpatient cancer treatment is \$20,000.

### How do I apply?

Patients must make application through the participating Georgia Cancer State Aid facility from which treatment is being received. Designated staff at participating facilities will assist patients in completion and submission of applications. Final eligibility decisions are made by the Georgia Cancer State Aid Program. For more information, call the Georgia Cancer State Aid Program at 404-463-5111.

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